

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.115(a) in that a first Office Action has not yet been mailed to Applicants. Accordingly, this Preliminary Amendment is timely filed. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the requested amendments to the application as identified above and as described below.

I. Amendment to the Specification

Applicants hereby amend paragraphs numbered 0008, 0009, 0027, and 0041, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b). No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully submits that these amended paragraphs are in condition for allowance and request that the Examiner enter them into the record.

II. Amendment to the Claims

Applicants hereby amend claim 1, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c). Applicants respectfully submit that this claim is in condition for allowance and request that the Examiner enter it into the record.

III. Amendment to the Abstract

Applicants hereby amend the abstract to clarify the description of the invention, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully submits that this amendment is in condition for allowance and request that the Examiner enter it into the record.

IV. Conclusion

In view of these remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the application be passed to examination in due course. The Examiner is urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel at the number noted below if it will advance the prosecution of this application, or with any suggestion to resolve any condition that would impede allowance.

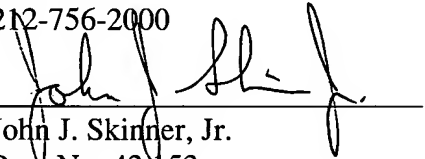
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No fee is believed to be necessary. If, however, a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, or credit any surplus, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 051319-0036.

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